



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

May 14, 2023

Acts 16:6-40

“The Gospel Advances in Philippi”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. Last week we heard from our guest, Doug Logan on the miraculous conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch. What were a couple things that stuck with you from his sermon?
2. This week we find ourselves at the start of Paul's second missionary journey. The route that God chose for Paul and Timothy to take was not necessarily efficient, but it was effective. What were some of the road blocks that Paul and Timothy hit at the start of their journey?
 - a. What are some examples from your own life where God's guidance has taken you down a different path than expected?
 - b. How do you find yourself responding to closed doors in your life?
 - c. How does this passage encourage us to respond when things do not go according to plan?
3. Once in Philippi, Jesus began to display his power through Paul and his team. What were the three miraculous conversions that occurred in Philippi?
 - a. How might our group leverage hospitality and generosity as a way to be a witness to others, like in Lydia's story?
 - b. Paul and Silas demonstrate extreme compassion towards the jailer who has just beat them. What are examples of opportunities you come across to extend compassion and grace to someone who has wronged you?
4. In these conversion accounts we see Jesus's heart for the salvation of all men, regardless of their status or lostness.
 - a. As followers of Jesus, what are some ways we can reflect this heart towards those in our communities whose backgrounds are different from ours?
 - b. How does understanding the power of Jesus in these scenarios help us be on mission in our communities?
 - c. Are there any people in your life who you tend to think are too hard to reach or too far gone?
5. The passage closes with the establishment and preservation of the church in Philippi. What can we learn about the local church from the church at Philippi?
 - a. What steps can you individually take to help IDC reflect the early church in Philippi?